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## COLOSSAL TELEPHONE COMBINE

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J. P. Morgan Engineering Another Deal.

### INCLUDES SYSTEMS OF WHOLE COUNTRY

Those of Virginia and Other Southern States Embraced

#### PLAN SAME AS OF OTHER MORGAN TRUSTS

Will Be Expected By Combination.

NEW YORK, March 81.-A telephon artiline, colossal in its extent of terri-Morgan. This is the information in well owed the announcement to-day that the had raised its capitalization one hundred panies. George Gould, for the Western and Clarence Mackay, for the

Postal, both deny this. Postal, both deny this.

Shortly after Mr. Morgan's return from
abroad he secured a block of stock in
Boston of the American Telephone Company, amounting to fifteen million doilars. Since then the Morgan interests
have secured several more blocks and his
estimated holdings now amounts to nearly fifty millions.

increase of the capital of the big

The increase of the capital of the big parent company to a quarter of billion is, the first step in the movement toward the general combine. It will include all telephone companies throughout the country, including Virginia and other Southern States.

The capitalization of all the independent companies is only a little over forty millions. The plan, like others of Morgan's, will be exchange of a certain number of shares in the American for certain number of independent companies. Local directorates are to be wiped out, but each independent company will have representation on general board of the American.

can.

On account of the large number of companies and the vast territory covered it will take possibly a whole year before the trust is formed.

The independents are now more or less banded together for commercial and purchasing interests under title of Consolidated Telephone Company, with head-purchas a Buffelo B G Hubbell is

trust. He declared such a combine was bound to come. It was ideal as a business and financial proposition. The saving would be tremendous. The capital would have to be unlimited. He believed there might be danger for public in possible increased prices:

The capitalization of the trust will probably be a billion dollars.

#### **INCREASE CAPITAL** BY HUNDRED MILLION

(By Associated Press. NEW YORK, March 31.—At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Amer-

meeting of the stockholders of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company held here to-day, the proposition of the directors to increase the capital stock from \$150,000,000 to \$250,000,000 was ratified by a large majority vote.

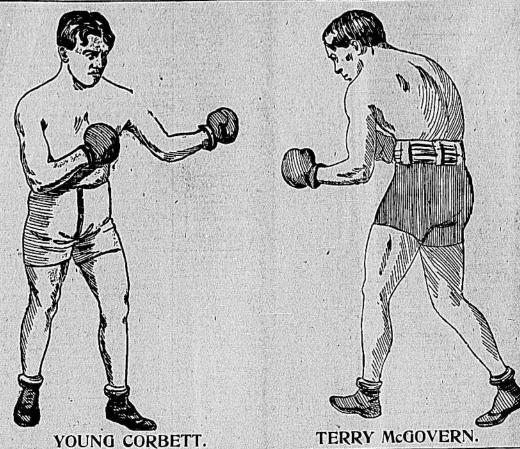
The newly elected directors organized by re-electing the former officers. The three new vice-presidents provided for by the amendment to the by-laws are: G. H. Cummings, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; Thomas Sherwin and C. J. Krench, former officers of the American Bell Telephone Company.

## KILLED HIMSELF FOR WIFE'S SAKE

Young Husband Ended His Life That Wife Might Get \$5000 Insurance.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, March 31.—"George killed himself that I might get the \$5,000 in-Surace that he carried on his life." This is the explanation given by Mrs. Mary Staib of the suicide of her husband. George Stalb, whom she found dead tohis room at their home in Brook tube connecting with a wid-

# YOUNG CORBETT WINS IN ELEVEN FURIOUS ROUNDS



# FRUIT WAS

Severe Weather Caught the Trees in Full Bloom.

REPORTS DISCOURAGING

n Piedmont Virginia It is Believed Tha Great Damage Has Been Done to the Crop for This Year-Apple Crop Probably Uninjured.

received here to-day from the surroundthroughout this section has suffered seriweather. On last Sunday the temperature at the rate of many miles an hour. To continued throughout the hours of dark

## **NEW CHALLENGER FASTEST YET SENT**

Given a Trial Spin and Proved Herself a Dandy In Light Winds.

Light Winds.

(By Associated Press.)

GOROUCK, SCOTLIAND, March SI.—
The Shamrock III. had a trial spin today and showed herself superior to the
Shamrock I. on all the points of sailing
on which she was tested. The yachts
were out five hours, and experts expressed the opinion that the new boxt
demonstrated that in fine weather site
is by far the fastest challenger yet sent
out. The trial was entrely in light
winds and smooth water, but under these
conditions the challenger beat the Shamrock I., the latter never before boaten
on either side of the Atlantic.
Out in Gorouck Bay the wind was so
light that the motion was more drifting
than sailing. The Shamrock III. slipped
through the water without leaving a ripple and ourrying her head up well up.
The first time the challenger broke tack
it was apparent that by shortening her
fin, Designer Fife had produced a boat
which was fast on her heel, even compared with our racers. She carried her
way right through, turning and was of
on her new course, while the older boats
would have been still looking at it, thus
bowing herself free of the greatest
keness of the Shamrock II. The shalver showed herself to be a little tenin squalls, but she sailed with her
all just clear of the water.

### L LEAGUE UMPIRES D MEET AT OLD POINT

als were scattered far and wide. The trees presented a bedraggled aspect, and it was evident that they had suffered seri-

ous damage.
On Monday there were many person On Monday there were many persons who declared that the fruit had not been hurt, and to sustain their positions they related instances of the past, —nen fruit ties in full bloom had been swept by ice and snow and had yet produced most bountfully. One gentleman told of a storm that left a coating of ice on the blossoms, and yet did no apparent damage. These statements to some extent encouraged people to think that after all the country had suffered little damage, but to-day the gloomlest of reports have been received here.

Several well known farmers from Bedford assert that the fruit in that section has been destroyed, and Dedford is one of the greatest fruit counties in this part of Virginia. Reports from Campbell, Amherst and Appenatus are likewise dis-

of Virginia. Reports from Campbell, Amherst and Appomattox are likewise discouraging, and all indications seem to prove that this section of Virginia will produce very little fruit for the present year. One farmer stated that nearly all his cherries, pears, plums and peaches were rulned by the frost that occurred here about a week ago, and that he had nothing to lose in the had weather of Sunday and Monday. He said that as yet his apple trees had not bloomed, and he could not tell now whether or not they had been injured. He hoped that his apples would turn out all right, but he was very doubtful about it. One of the largest fruit growers in this section is reported.

#### LOST FORTUNE IN STOCKS WIDOW KILLS HERSELF

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)\*
NEW YORK, March 31.—Mrs. Eliza beth Robinson, a widow, forty years old who lived on the second floor of No. 33 West One Hundred and Seventeenth Street, despondent over losing \$90,000, left to her by her busband, in stock ventures was found dend in bed yesterday with a bullet hole in her temple. She had been in such dire straits recently that she was compelled to mortgage her furniture and was unable to pay \$10 a week of the sum borrowed.

## MAJ. CUTCHINS MAY BE A COLONEL

Reported He is to Be Member the Governor's Staff-Declines to Discuss It.

well defined report was in circulation last night to the effect that Major Sol. Cutchins was to be a colonel on the

Sol. Cutchins was to be a colonel on the staff of Governor Montague. Mujor Cutchins declined to talk about it last sight. He was asked if the report were rue and replied that he preferred to say nothing about it.

He was asked then if anything was likely to occur soon that would be calculated to disturb his connection with the Blues' Battalion. He replied that he did not wish to say anything about that either.

#### ROYAL YACHT SETS SAIL FOR SPAIN

(By Associated Press.)
YORK, March 31.—President Pultounced to-day that the necting
yational League umpires, schedbe held at Pittsburg April 18th,
held at Old Point Comfort, Va.,

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PORTSMOUTH, March 81.—The royal
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## THE BALKAN **SITUATION**

News From There is Causing Uneasiness at Vienna.

## CZAR'S SIGNIFICANT GIFT

negro Eight Batteries of Quick-Firing Small Calibre Guns and Ammunition-Bulgaria Warned.

## HONEYMOON IN THE GUARD HOUSE

Married Under Guard at Old Point, but His Sentence Has Been Commuted.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 3 Mitchell Emory, of the Sixth Company, Coast Artillery, and Miss Mollie Watts, of Hampton, were married to-day. Rev. Father Fallon, of St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, performed the ceremony.

the Sea Church, performed the ceremony. The groom, whose home is in Baltimore, is in the guard house, serving out a courtmartial sentence for desertion. He was taken under guard to the administration building, where the ceremony was performed.

His term was one year, but when his captain learned that he was going to be married, he interceded in the artillery-man's behalf and the Secretary of Warcommuted the sentence to six months. As soon as this time expires Emory and his bride will leave for Baltimore, where they will reside,

#### SECRETARY SHAW THE GUEST OF KICKAPOOS

(By Associated Press.)

P. Lill., March 31.—The seventh an advantage of the Kickance Club we have so-night. Cover were laid to, 250 guests. The decontions were very elaborate, and the list of speakers included Hon. Lesle M. Shaw Secretary of Treasury and Hon Che Burry Smith, of Pilladelphia. Com Congret of Imniferation Frank P. Sarge was also present.

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A large oil-puinting of Pres vait, illuminated by incander caused a spontaneous outbut plause which lasted for sor Both Secretary Shaw and My tive cyclics.

## The Champion Featherweight is Successful.

PACE WAS VERY FAST FROM FIRST

**Blood Flowed Freely and Both** Men Were Greatly Punished

**BROOKLYN FIGHTER** WAS GAME TO THE END

gered to His Feet Just Too Late.

MECHANICS PAVILION, SAN FRAN-CISCO, CAL., March St.-William Rothvell; better known as "Young Corbett, of Denver, Col., showed decisively to-night hat his victory over Terry McGovern at Brooklyn a year ago last Thanksgiving was no fluke by defeating McGovern in he eleventh round, after a fight in which there was not a second of idleness for either man. In nearly ever round, Cor bett, fighting like a machine, never over looking an opportunity to send home blows, had a shade the better of the; gument, and when finally, in the eleven he got the Brooklyn boy fairly going,

up or understand what had hap-

carried to his corner before he was alreto sit up or understand what had happened.

The men in McGovern's corner claimed
that the decision was an outrage. They
said McGovern had been instructed to
fight; cautiously and when he was knocked down, he was to take the full count
and that McGovern obeyed his instructions. They claim that at the count of
ten he was on his feet, and although
dazed, knew what he was doing. They
also claimed that he had pienty of fight
in him and would have lasted the rest of
the round. Harding's position in counting McGovern, out, was sustained by
"Chalky" Roberts, another time-keeper.
Paddy Sullivan, the third time-keep,
was very much in favor of McGovern
and contended that the count, as accepted by the referee was wrong. Referee
Graney's decision seemed to meet with the
approval of the speciators, as McGovern
was apparently thoroughly beaten.

AMPHITHEATHE PACKED.

By \$330 o'clock, when the contestants
in the first preliminary entered the ring,
the big amphitheatre was packed with
a cheering, impatient crowd. Outside a
drizzling rain was falling, but this did
not dampen the enthusians of the criwd,
which stretched for half a block either
side of the door, and even, blocked the
streets in front. It was estimated at that
time that nearly 11,000 people were inside the hall, the biggest crowd that ever
saw a fight in San Francisco. Reports
from McGovern's and Corbett's headquarters were equally bright. Both men
had rested quietly after weighing in this
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quarters were equally bright. Both men had rested quietly after weighing in this afternoon and expressed absolute confidence in the outcome.

The first preliminary was a 10-round fight between "Dixle Kid," a colored welter-weight from Los Angeles, and Eddie Cain. of Brooklyn, McGovern's spatring partner.

"Dixle Kid" won in the second round with a right to the jaw. Cain was not out, but when he went down he turned his ankle badly and was unable to get up. The strain was a bad one and it was necessary to carry Cain from the ring. The second preliminary, a 5-round go between Cai Mejim and Jimmy Car-

(Continued on Second Page.)

## MRS. NANCY PALMER DIES IN ST. LOUIS

Will Be Buried To-Day on the 94th Anniversary of Her Birth.

(By Associated Press.) ST. LOUIS, MO., March St.-Mrs. Names H. Palmer, of No. 728 North Newstand Avenue, a maternal sunt of General Stonewall Jackson, of the Army of North-ern Virginia, C. S. A., will be laid to rest

to-morrow, the ninety-fourth anniversary

of her birth.
She came to St. Louis from Richmond.

She came to St. Louis from Richmond, activithere years ago, and during the civil war was prominently connected with southern aid societies. She was a Miss Gratton, a connection of to-day's prominent Shenandoah Valley family Her husband, Joseph Palmer, served in the Conference of th

# POINTS TO DIRECT

Judge Murphy Does Not Fix Murder on Him.

PRESUMED INNOCENT BECAUSE NOT PROVEN

Had Stronger Motive Than Anyone Else Mentioned.

WERE HE NOW ALIVE WARRANT WOULD ISSUE

udge Murphy Says That Burdick Has Proven a Magnanimous and Upright Man, But Censures Mrs. Burdick Scath-Exonerated.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 81.-The dict in the Burdick inquest, handed stating that the identity of the murderer of Edwin L. Burdick has not been proven practically charges Arthur R. Pennella

the dead lawyer, with the crime.

Pennell had a stronger motive than any one else for putting Burdick out of the way, Judge Murphy says, and all the facts brought out by the inquest cona warrant against Pennell if he were so far as it relates to Pennell by the would be given the presumption of in-

In the opinion of Judge Murphy, Bur-

Judge Murphy stated this aftern that he will hold the inquest into de of Arthur R. Pennell, the latter par this week or the first of next week, by some person with a dun-eaged weapon, delivered principally in the back of thehead. The said blows were delivered with homicidal intent, and the identity of said person has not been proved. He reviews briefly the events of the evening preceding the murder, as brought in the testimony, which he says does not show that anything unusual occurred at the house in the forepart of the night. The story of the finding of Burdicks body in the morning and of the events preceding its discovery as related by the

story of the finding of Burdick's body, in the morning and of the events preceding its discovery as related by the different members of the household is told and the discrepancies in the testimony of the servants and Mrs. Hull are pointed out.

THE MOTIVE.

"Where is the motive for this crime?" asks Judge Murphy, and then he takes up the relations of Mrs. Burdick and Pennell and says that it seems that five years ago, on the occasion of a visit to New Haven by the Burdicks and Pennells, Mrs. Burdick gave the love which belonged to her husband to another. She loved Pennell and he apparently became infatuated with her." Burdick learned the truth and separation followed, but because of love for her children he took his wife back and forgave the author of his wrong upon his promise to leave Buffalo. "This promise and the promise which Mrs. Burdick made to her husband," says Judge Murphy, "were shamelessly broken. Finally, Mr. Burdick told her the must leave his house and he applied for a divorce which atton she lessly broken. Finally, Mr. Burdick toldher she must leave his house and he apiled for a divorce which action she not care to defend, as she wished marry Pennell, who had agreed to see a divorce from his wife. Pennell, he ever, induced be? the defend the suit. Bu dick had been shde wing Pennell as Mrs. Burdick and Pennell had Mrs. Burdick and Pennell had detecti shadowing Burdick. So far as apper from the evidence, 's ays the Judge, 'Penell had not succeeded in compromist Burdick in any way. Burdick, howey had a lot of evidence, consisting of the appendix of the summary of the summary

himself."

FAIR TO THE DEAD.

The Judge tells of Pennell's visit to the Falls on the morning of the discovery of the murder, of his message to his wife to bring the papers and of their failure to return for dinner that evening. Continuing, the Judge says in one of Pennell's letters to Mrs. Burdick, there was a threat that he would kill her husband. The cashler and hartender of a New York hotel also testify that he said he would kill a certain man, and Mrs. Pennell had complete knowledge of the Hurdick home and considering his relations with the family, it would have been an easy matter for him to obtain a key thereto. Altogother, these facts would in my opinion, constitute just grounds of suspicion on which a warrant could be issued were he alive. That would not mean, however, that he was guilly. Her tould have the right to a trigit the continues. "He can prover be placed on here nor can his case ever he till dead as the lieu accoming." FAIR TO THE DEAD.